to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and 3rd Meeting of the Parties (MOP-3) to Kyoto Protocol held at Bali in December, 2007, the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) and Ad-Hoc Working Group on further commitments for Annexure I. Parties under Kyoto Protocol (KWG-KP) met at Bangkok, Thailand from 31.3.2008 to 4.4.2008. It was first Session of AWG-LCA and first part of the 55th Session of the AWG-KP. 162 countries, including all major countries, participated at the Bangkok conference.

Kyoto Protocol does not expire in 2009; only the first commitment period for developed countries (Annexure-I countries) expires in 2012. Both the AWGs are to complete their work by December, 2009 for adoption at the 15th Conference of Parties (COP-15) meeting to the UNFCCC and the 5th Meeting of the Parties (MOP-5) to the Kyoto Protocol.

(d) A research centre is proposed to be set up, initially, as a part of Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, an autonomous institutions under the Ministry of Earth Sciences for studying the science aspects of climate change.

Wildlife corridors

3274. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have approached Government to establish wildlife corridors to minimise the interface between the human and wildlife;

(b) if so, the details of the wildlife corridors, State-wise and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government is considering to purchase land for establishing such corridors in the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Ministry has received only one proposal from Government of Kerala for restoration of elephant corridors in the State. The total cost of the project is Rs. 789 lakhs and the period is 2008-09 to 2012-13.

The following corridors have been identified by the State Government for the project:—

(i) Brahmagiri-Tirunelli corridor (between Brahmagiri Sanctuary and North Wayanad Division).

(ii) Periya Corridor

(iii) Pakranthalam Corridor

(iv) Pallivayal-Tattur corridor

In the first phase 131.5 ha of land is proposed for acquisition in Periya corrdiro.

All such proposals are considered by the Ministry as per the existing guidelines and availability of the fund.

(c) There is no proposal in the Central Government to directly purchase private lands for establishing such corridors.